

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
*Colored Orphanage*  
OXFORD, N. C.



JULY 1, 1929, to JUNE 30, 1930





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May the Colored orphan children of North Carolina and the friends of helpless humanity never forget the blessed tribute made by the late Hon. B. N. Duke and his son, Angier B. Duke, to the cause of orphan education at this institution.

Through the good will expressed by the splendid benefaction of these Christian philanthropists, this convenient and tastily furnished school building, constructed at a cost of nearly one hundred thousand dollars, was made possible for the unfortunate orphan children of the Negro Race of North Carolina.

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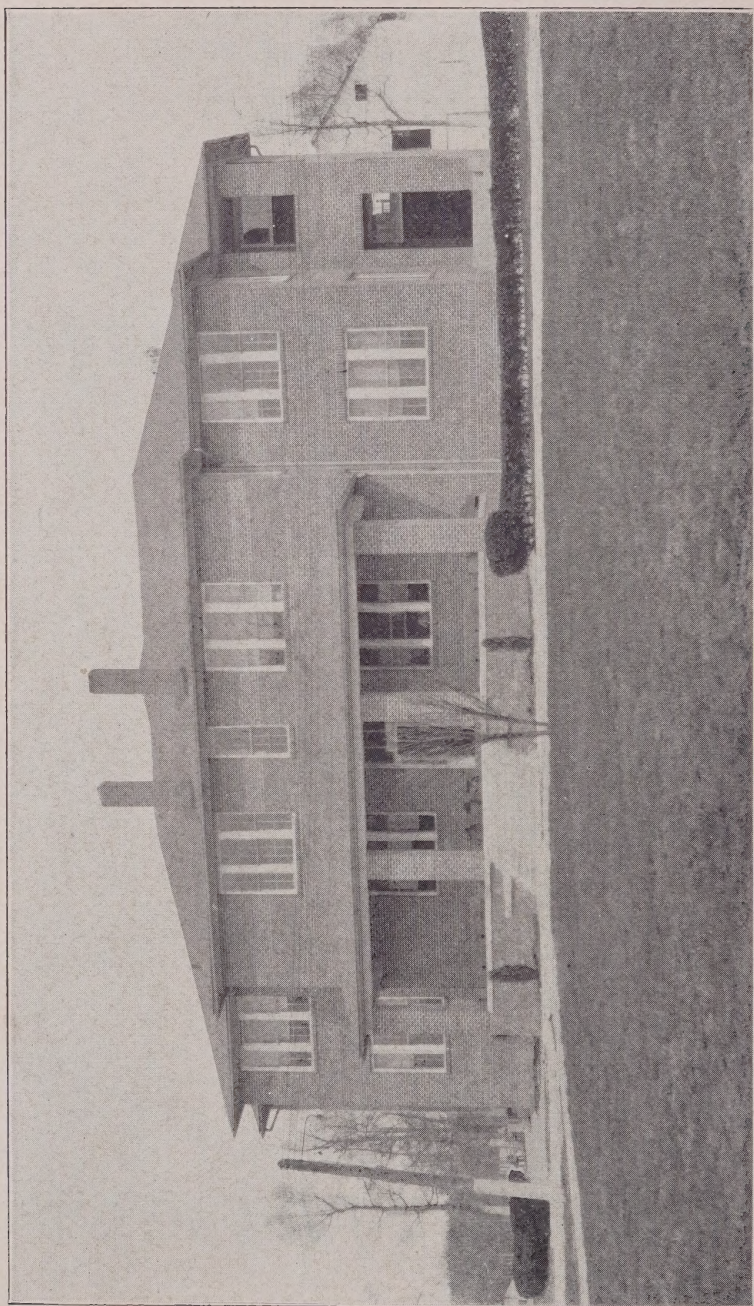
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BOYS' DORMITORY



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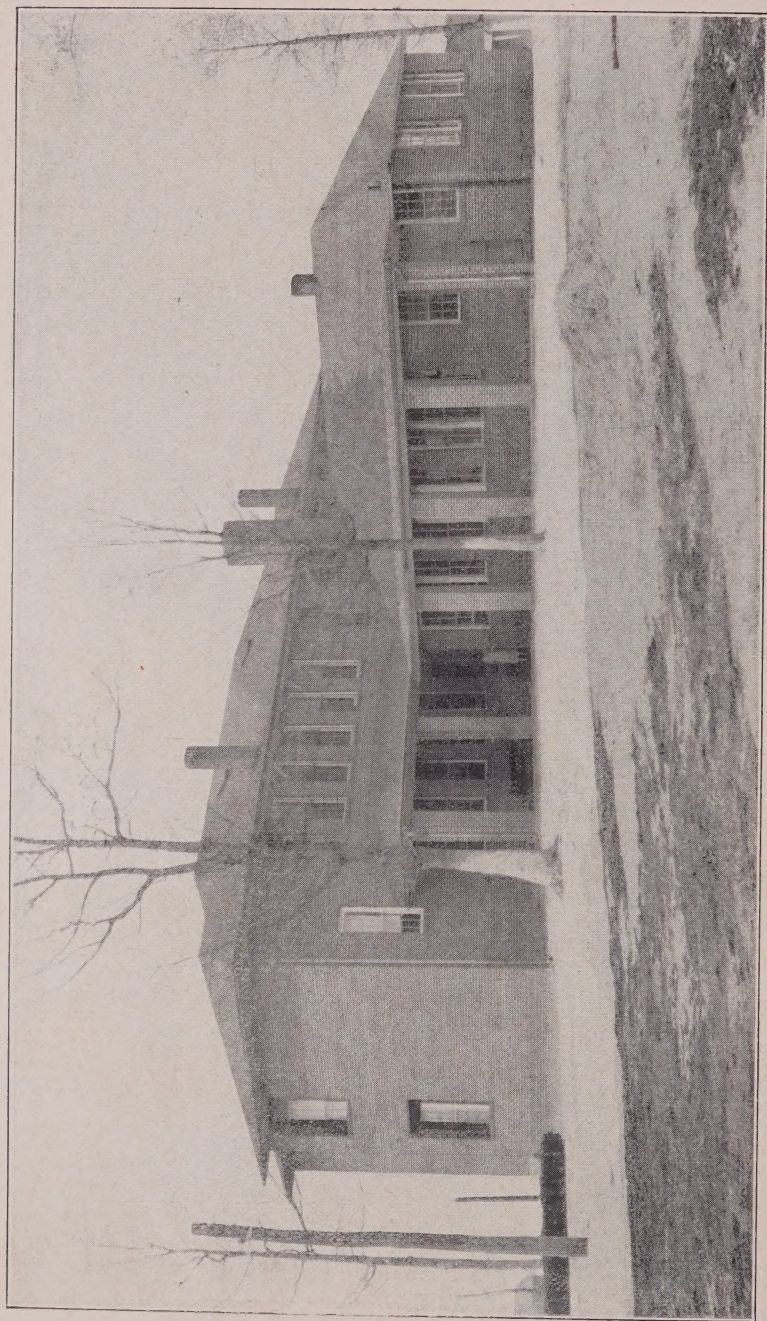
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BACK VIEW BOYS' DORMITORY SHOWING NEW ANNEX



# ANNUAL REPORT

For The Fiscal Year, July 1, 1929

—to—

June 30, 1930

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GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OXFORD  
COLORED ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Throughout the fiscal year just closed we have been cheered and inspired by what appears to be almost providential assurance of approval of our work, as the most cordial signs of interest and cooperation have been so consistently manifested by many of our best citizens and representative people, both in and out of our great state.

Therefore it is not only an honor, but a sincere pleasure, to undertake to bring before you at this time the facts concerning the operations of the institution during the past year, with the hope that you may observe such convincing tokens of its accomplishments and utility as to cause you to all the more feel that the work is important and meets the strenuous requirements for which it was founded.

This being true, it will then be evident that the work, so nobly supported by the State and Christian friends, is well worth while and a tangible answer to the aching cry of the great cause of human relief and uplift.

Especially is this true since it is a fact that all Christendom is alive, and sincerely and pleasantly awakened over the Christlike idea of child-care and training. For it is all too true that the child becomes what his childhood leads him into, and those who have children in their keeping hold the destiny of tomorrow's society and civilization in their hands. "Childhood is God's challenge and man's opportunity."

## FARM AND TRUCKING

Now, the first and most outstanding requirement

where there are so many growing young people, who can well do on three meals a day, but much prefer four, is to undertake to cultivate and raise an ample and sufficient amount of wholesome table food. This of course must come under the head of "Farm and Trucking", which is the most reliable and unmistakable way of meeting the urgent call of Supply and Demand—especially where food becomes a question, and this is always the case here and in similar institutions.

From this viewpoint we undertake elaborate and early preparation upon the farm and trucking fields, with a determination to carry out the "live-at-home" idea of our great leader and friend, Governor Gardner. And although during the past year the continued rains amid the summer season resulted in unfavorable conditions for cultivating the fields, we nevertheless approached this important work with ardor and zeal, and in consequence were blessed with an unusual and highly satisfactory yield, in all divisions of the farm, including corn, peas, potatoes, forage, and in fact almost every variety of trucking commodities.

#### TRAINING THE CHILDREN

In order to prevent the many little minds from becoming "Devil's workshops", as it were, and to keep them out of, and away from, mischief, so to speak, we undertake with great care and patience to diversify the many little helpers into groups according to their size, age, and ability. Thus the time of the smaller children is engaged in the lighter requirements of the work, while the responsibility of the heavier and more important requirements is assigned to the larger children.

This opportunity of training the youth is extended from the farm down through all the work, such as the garden and trucking departments, and includes sweeping the yards, mowing and decorating the grounds and flower pots of the campus, making beds, scouring and renovating the dormitories, and assisting in cooking and serving meals. I might also mention here the benefits of the



laundry of the institution, where the girls especially are given thorough and efficient training in washing, ironing, etc., as well as making and mending garments for the entire enrollment of the institution—nealy 300 children, of many sizes and temperaments.

Now and then we are gratified to hear, from some of the best people of the community, little complimentary hints as to training, industry and good conduct of the inmates. This leads us to feel that our methods of training and supervision, as set forth above, are already producing signs of precious fruit in the making and shaping of these youthful lives, and therefore that the work is proving the wisdom of making investments of this kind for the care, protection, development and training of the less fortunate little ones of the State and Nation.

SCHOOL BEGAN SEPT. 23, 1929— ENDED MAY 9, 1930

Not in the sense of extreme enthusiasm over the world's quest for education, and its many peculiar methods to obtain it, which is creating so much overcharged zeal and fervor, and which is causing many philosophers to speak of some of its methods as a mere "fad" of the age, but in the sense of actual duty and binding responsibility which lie plainly before us, we opened and carried on the school here, with a view to the permanent good of this enrollment of beginners in life.

In commencing the school work we turned over each classroom to the respective members of our teaching force, and as forcibly as possible called the attention of the teachers to the responsibilities which lie before them, requiring the exercise of the utmost care and discipline in the development of these ignorant, untrained and irresponsible little tots of today—who are to become the men and women of tomorrow. It was emphasized to the teachers that they are responsible, to a great extent, for the future of these little human lives, which will be a power some day in the world, for good or bad.

And I am therefore glad to say, Gentlemen of the Board, that the classroom work among the little folks

during the past year has been kept up to the high standard previously set, and that the training of the minds of the little ones has proceeded on a par with the development of their hands.

We have been consistently fortunate in being able to secure such an exceedingly capable, conscientious, and willing force of teachers, each member of which takes personal pride and interest in her children, both in the classroom and on the playgrounds.

This personal interest makes for the good, not only in the matter of conveying to the child that which is to be gleaned from the text books, but also in fixing and inculcating in the pupil tenets of character, honesty, integrity, and industry.

The more fortunate ones get this training in early youth from mother and father, or from some member of the family. But to the poor orphan it is denied, unless and until an institution of this kind is enabled to take the little one in its care and supply the deficiency, through personal contact of the teacher or worker with the child, coupled with careful, competent and efficient instruction and supervision, so that the pupil cannot help but grasp the rich and life-saving ideas which may lead on to his future glory and success in life.





GIRLS' DORMITORY

### ENROLLMENT

The total number of children enrolled in each grade during the school year is indicated as follows:

Kindergarten .....	52
First Grade.....	32
Second Grade.....	27
Third Grade.....	44
Fourth Grade.....	26
Fifth Grade.....	14
Sixth Grade.....	17
Seventh Grade.....	17
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	229
In High School.....	16
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Total number of school age and in school.....	245

### PROMOTIONS

From Kindergarten to First Grade.....	19
From First Grade to Second Grade.....	20
From Second Grade to Third Grade.....	21
From Third Grade to Fourth Grade.....	29
From Fourth Grade to Fifth Grade.....	16
From Fifth Grade to Sixth Grade.....	12
From Sixth Grade to Seventh Grade.....	8
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	125
Number completing seventh grade in 1930 .....	16
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Total number of promotions during year.....	141

### IMPROVEMENTS

Through the friendly and wise guiding hand of you Gentlemen of the Board of Directors, we have completed and put in use, to the great satisfaction and delight of the inmate body of the institution, as well as Dr. Laughinghouse and his kind and very particular force of Inspectors of the Board of Health, several of the most needed acquisitions that could be asked and required for the health and comfort of such a collection of human beings, viz:

First-class lavatory and toilet equipment in each dormitory as well as in the school building, hot and cold run-





CHAPEL AND DINING HALL

ning water, bath tubs, shower baths, laundry, and potato curing house, all of which work has been in progress and was completed during the present year.

#### BRICK YARD

Now, since we are blessed with the completion of these wonderful additions, we can afford to remove from our "trestle board" the old designs, replace them with other and newer designs, and continue with needy advancements.

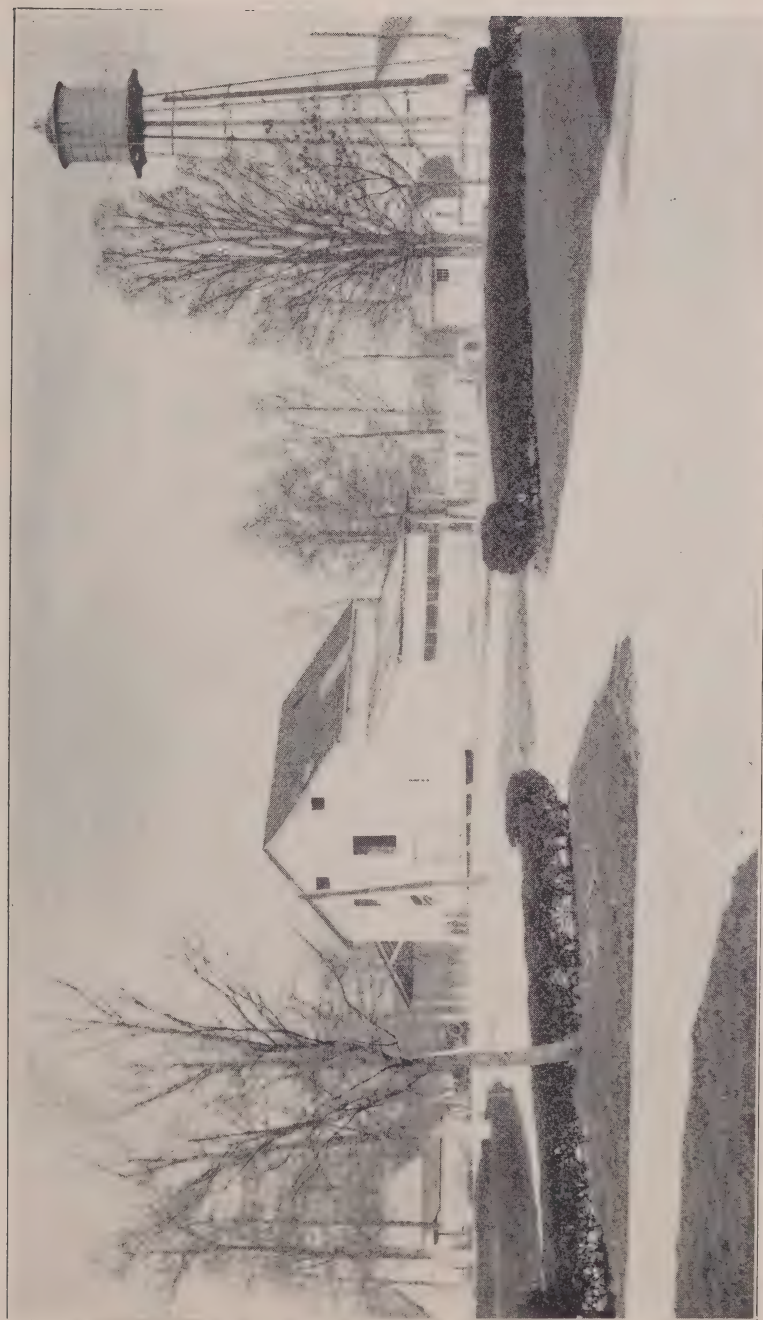
Hence, work has been resumed at the brick yard during the year, with excellent headway in producing brick to be used, with your approval, in the construction of a new dormitory for the small children of the institution, the money to pay the cost of which has already been received and is in the hands of our Treasurer, accruing from the will of our late friend and great benefactor, Hon. B. N. Duke.

This brick yard department of our work has been of vast importance and benefit over a considerable number of years, as all of our modern brick structures were largely made possible through the fact that we were successful in producing the brick ourselves, upon property belonging to the institution.

The wonderful convenience and financial relief realized from the brick yard operations are not by far the most outstanding amidst the important gains to this great humanitarian work, it is true. But the peculiar method by which the production of brick is accomplished, perhaps unlike almost any other kind of work and with no hard labor attached to it, affords through the wonderful simplicity and novelty of the industry a great opportunity for the engagement and training of hand, mind and head of the youth.

It is a rather difficult thing to keep the thirty or thirty-five little boys away from the brick yard after they are once carried there and allowed to play in the sand under the sheds. This not only keeps them out of mischief, but the brick-making activities appear to dispel the mon-





GROUP OF FARM AND IMPLEMENT BUILDINGS

otony and sameness, as it were, of the play hours of the little ones around the dormitories on the campus proper.

The larger boys do the grinding and moulding, tossing, setting and burning of the brick, while the little boys interrupt their play in the sand from time to time to bring the drinking water and do other light chores, with the idea in mind of developing in them a fondness for skilled labor and a desire to perform it. While immediate benefits may not be reflected from this theory and training, yet in the final analysis this early training in conjunction with the play hours unquestionably redounds to the good of the children and has its effect in the make-up of their lives.

Consistent efforts are put forth to teach the pupils the necessity for sharing in the responsibility for the success of the institution, and certain groups are assigned to the care of the chickens, the cows, the table, the grounds, etc., etc., with most excellent results, as shown by the eagerness and painstaking care each group exerts in the doing of its work. The expressions of activity on the part of all the children of the Home are redirected along lines that offer outlets for their surplus energies, and yet at the same time are educative to the child and beneficial to the institution.

The following are valuable and deeply appreciated gifts received from friends of the institution during the fiscal year:

Minneola Mfg. Co., Gibsonville, N. C.—Shipment of goods for clothing;

The Cotton Mills Co., High Point, N. C.—Shipment of goods for clothing;

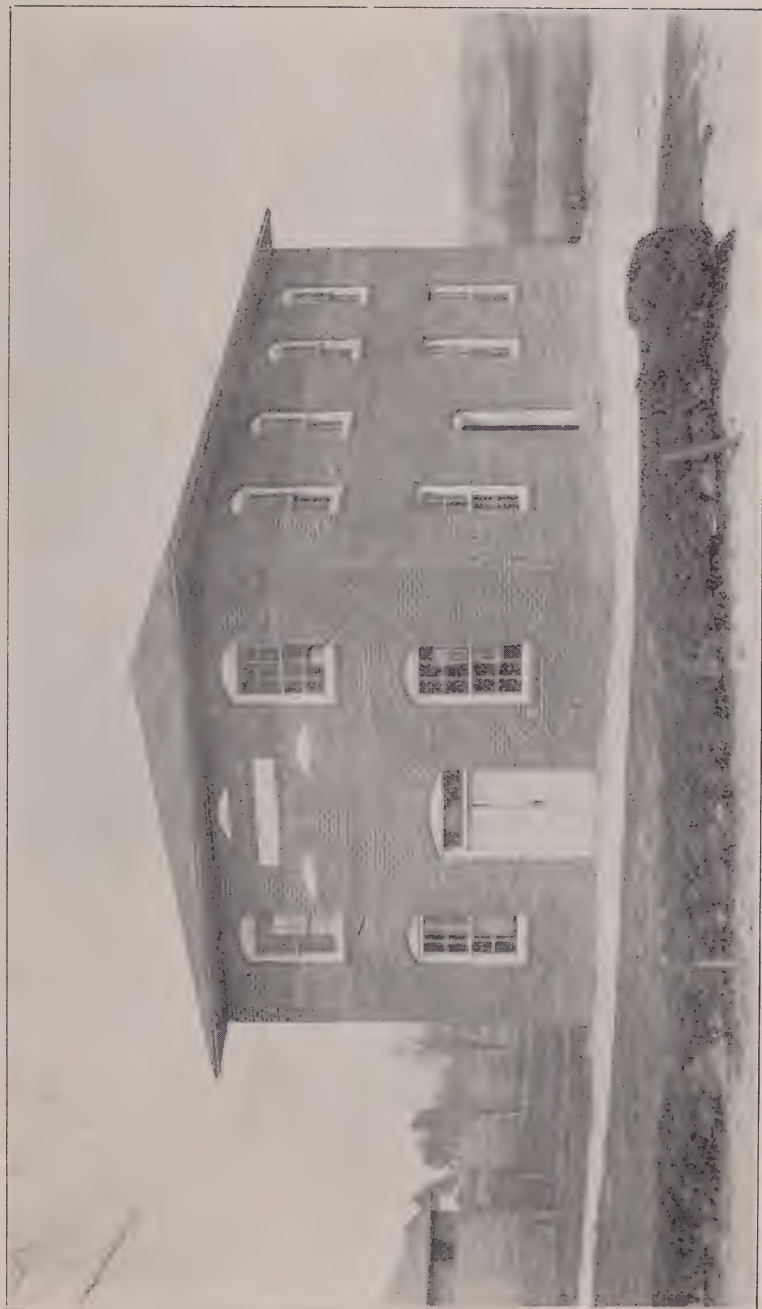
Gibson Mfg. Co., Concord, N. C.,—Shipment of goods for clothing;

Mrs. Viola Turner—Shipment ready-made clothing;

The North Carolina Ice Cream Mfg. Co., Fayetteville—Substantial donation of Ice Cream for the children;

Hon. R. G. Lassiter, Oxford, N. C.—Three cars of Screenings, which made possible the preservation of the





MODERN STEAM LAUNDRY

walks and driveways of the Orphanage, that otherwise would have washed into gullies during the heavy rains, in the absence of the hard surface.

It seems that along with the same mellow and delightful breeze which brought the Lassiter benefaction, there came also from Rev. C. K. Proctor, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, gracious tidings of great value. I was thrilled with gladness, on behalf of you Gentlemen of the Board of Directors, as well as the large number of children in this institution, when I was informed by the good Superintendent of the White Orphanage that a way had been opened whereby the equipment in all of his dormitories would be replaced with new bedroom furniture, and as a result of this reorganization he and his great institution had agreed and had given to the Oxford Colored Orphanage of North Carolina all of their surplus furniture. Whereupon Rev. Mr. Proctor had his own truck join with our truck in hauling and delivering to our institution the follow most acceptable and timely equipment:

102 Iron Bedsteads,  
102 Mattresses,  
102 Bed Springs,  
350 Chairs,

every single item of which is in excellent condition. This gift represents a valuation of well over \$1,500.00, and I cannot refrain from again expressing our deep and heartfelt appreciation of these tokens of good will and Christ-like friendship on the part of our good white friends, which are the purest signs of sincere cooperation and assistance in our earnest and honest efforts, though feeble, to attend unto the needy cry of human relief and uplift.





BRICK YARD, SAW MILL AND GRIST MILL  
(All Rough Lumber, Framing and Brick for All Buildings Made Here)

Other contributions to the work of the institution made by friends and associations during the year, including the bequest made by our late lamented great friend, Mr. Duke, are as follows:

Hon. B. N. Duke (through his will),	\$15,000.00
Interest on Wilder Endowment Fund	80.00
Dr. L. B. Capehart, Grand Master of State Grand Lodge of Masons	19.00
Home Mission Sisters	10.00
Oxford friends (through Mrs. M. C. Ransom)	43.50
Shiloh Association No. 2	35.45
Presbyterian Church, by Dr. G. C. Shaw	21.20
Jos. Pickett, J. T. Lodge, Scott, N. C.	2.00
Rev. N. A. Cheek, Olive Grove Church	5.00
Prof. W. C. Craver	5.00
Shiloh Association No. 1	127.50
Ministers and Deacons Union (Huntsville meeting)	30.00
Mr. R. S. Frazier, Middle Association	20.00
Hester Sunday School, by Mr. Tommie Harris	3.55
Vance County S. S. Convention, by Mr. D. J. Marrow	10.00
Miss Ione Yancey	3.00
Mrs. C. S. Moore	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Codington	5.00
Mrs. Royster Wiggins	3.00
Mr. Hill Hunter	25.00
Mr. C. S. Easton	5.00
Mr. C. E. McCullock	10.00
Grand Lodge of Gideon	17.25
Mrs. Mary Carroll	3.70
Ministers and Deacons Union (Ilong meeting)	25.00
Ministers and Deacons Union (March meeting, 1930)	30.10
Mr. Andrew Howell	1.00
Wendell Convict Camp, Wendell, N. C.	2.58

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\$15,547.33



# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

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## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE COLORED ORPHANAGE, OXFORD, N. C.

July 1, 1929, to July 1, 1930

### RECEIPTS:

	1928	1929
Balances—July 1, 1928—July 1, 1929-----	\$ 2896.92	\$ 960.84
State Appropriation-----	24999.98	27500.00
Hire of Boys-----	1537.64	1461.75
Investments -----	78.65	142.82
Duke Endowment -----	5771.54	5176.32
Religious Organizations-----	506.13	332.31
Farm -----	1253.16	219.25
Fraternal Organizations -----	7.00	36.25
Miscellaneous Contributions -----	511.08	365.15
Real Estate -----	50.00	
Temporary Loans -----	5925.00	7050.00
H. P. Cheatham, Supt.-----	5909.17	5320.85
	<u>\$49446.27</u>	<u>\$48565.54</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries -----	\$11063.68	\$11752.03
Food -----	6259.00	5150.92
Clothing -----	2321.32	1828.81
Transportation -----	567.10	578.58
Lights, Fuel, Power-----	1234.15	1482.17
Improvements -----	4524.52	4266.98
Repairs and Replacements-----	1504.67	1546.79
Additional Live Stock-----		200.00
Supplies -----	5444.10	5172.85
Equipment -----	2303.64	775.80
Insurance -----	429.55	1088.99
Telephone and Tel.-----	91.65	156.13
Interest -----	84.25	895.38
Miscellaneous -----	242.10	100.00
Land -----	1000.00	1000.00
Temporary Loans -----	6425.00	6871.00
Conference Expense -----	77.80	53.80
H. P. Cheatham, Supt.-----	4880.00	5453.00
Hire of Boys-----	32.90	
Balances—July 1, 1929—July 1, 1930-----	960.84	192.31
	<u>\$49446.27</u>	<u>\$48565.54</u>

